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MOSCOW PARIS UNNUMBERED

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REF BERLIN'S 268 NOV 11.

BRITISH AMB HAS APPROVED INSTRUCTIONS TO BASC, AT LEAST FOR  
TIME BEING. IN ABSENCE DISSENT FROM LONDON THEIR APPROVAL  
ASSUMED ALSO. BRITISH AMBASSADOR BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT IF  
SOVIETS WITHDRAW FROM BASC, CIVIL AIRLINES, IN VIEW THEIR RE-  
SPONSIBILITY FOR PASSENGER SAFETY, MIGHT PREFER DISCONTINUE  
FLIGHTS UNTIL OR UNLESS TRIPARTITE DECISION TAKEN GOVERNMENTAL  
LEVEL THAT THEY SHOULD FLY OR UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIED. HE DOES  
NOT REPEAT NOT THINK THEY SHOULD BE ASKED TO FLY IF THEY CONSIDER  
THERE EVEN SLIGHT RISK THEIR AIRCRAFT BEING DIVERTED BY GDR  
FIGHTERS AND FORCED LAND AT GDR AIRFIELDS.

FRENCH AMD HAS ALSO APPROVED INSTRUCTIONS SUBJECT PARIS COMMENT  
HE SHARES BRITISH VIEW RE CIVIL AIRLINES.

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